MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Address: 10005 Venus Road, Charles County - 10 the Vicinity of Newburg
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Owner: Farrell, Richard Wayne
Tax Parcel Number: 122 84 Tax Map Number: 79
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _X
CriteriaABCD
Is property located within a historic district?: X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
A wood frame barm with a side gable roof is located at 10005 Venus Road. The wood siding stops above the first story, exposing the wood post supports below. The barn is covered with a corrugated metal roof. The structure is in poor condition with much of the roofing missing.
Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.
Barn construction followed ethnic traditions. Dutch barns were nearly square and covered with a highly pitched
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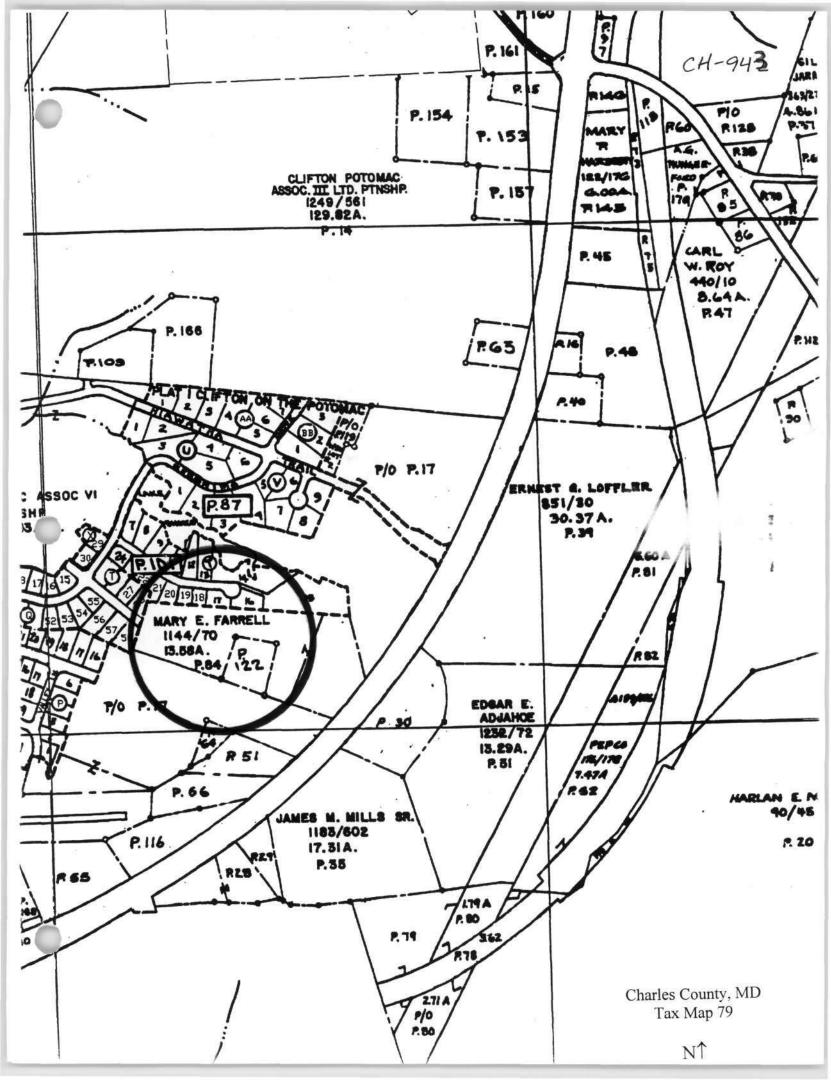
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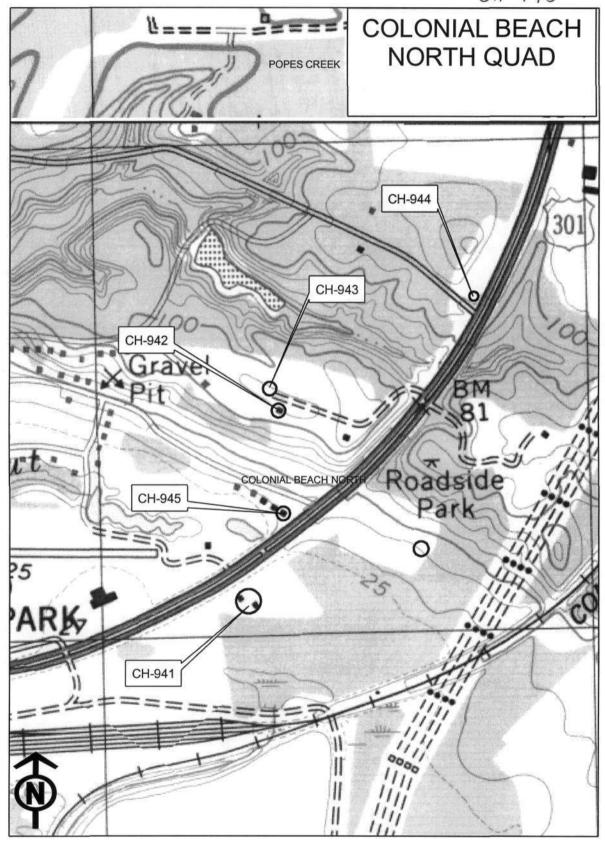
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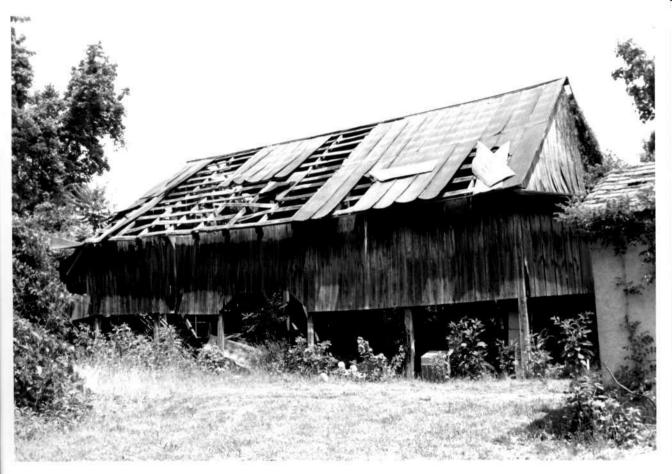
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roof. They employed a three-bay design with a large door at the center and smaller doors at the eaves which allowed access for the livestock. The English barn also contained three bays, but with a long horizontal face and a low pitched gable roof. Where Dutch and English settlement coincided, a barn which combined construction styles developed.

Constructed circa 1930, this barn is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the agricultural buildings along U.S. 301, the resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.







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View of South Elevation

10005 Venus Road